

Guide to Online Game Check – Furbearer Hunting/Salvage

This tutorial will guide you through the process of using the **MassFishHunt** system to check your **hunted/salvaged coyote or fox** online. Please take a few minutes to read through this guide before beginning. NOTE FOR SALVAGED FURBEARERS: Use this guide for coyotes or fox that were salvaged during the hunting season with a hunting license. For furbearers salvaged with a trapping license, during the trapping season, please see the guide for Furbearer Trapping/Salvage.

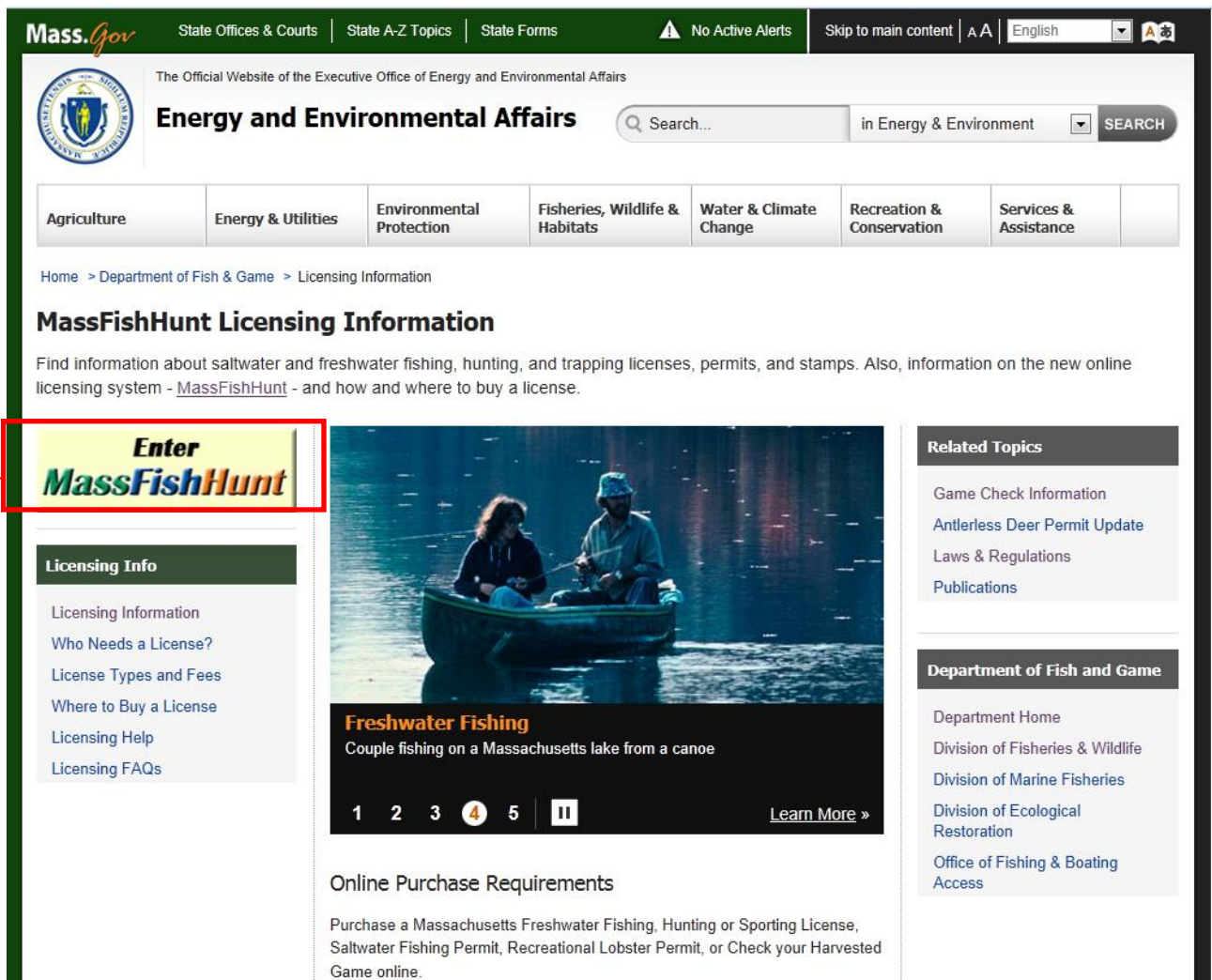
To check a harvested/salvaged coyote or fox online, there are a few, but very important pieces of information needed. Required information may include: town of harvest, date of harvest, whether the animal was hunted or salvaged, the animal's sex, your hunting method, equipment used, and time of day the animal was harvested.

All furbearers must be checked within 4 working days of the end of the season. After the completion of the online game check, a confirmation number will be generated. The confirmation number is the official seal issued by MassWildlife. It should be written on a tag of your own making and attached to the animal and/or its pelt. Confirmation numbers must remain affixed to all pelts/carcasses, with the specific confirmation number issued for each particular pelt or carcass, until the carcass is prepared for mounting by a taxidermist, or the pelt is sold or tanned. Confirmation numbers are non-transferable to other animals.

Please use care when entering information on the harvested furbearer into the **MassFishHunt** system, particularly the date of harvest. Please contact the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife (DFW) during business hours at 508-389-6300 if you have issues checking your furbearers online.

1) To start, go to the official **MassFishHunt** webpage by clicking below, **or** copy and paste the following link into your webbrowser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) to reach the official **MassFishHunt** webpage.

<http://www.mass.gov/massfishhunt>

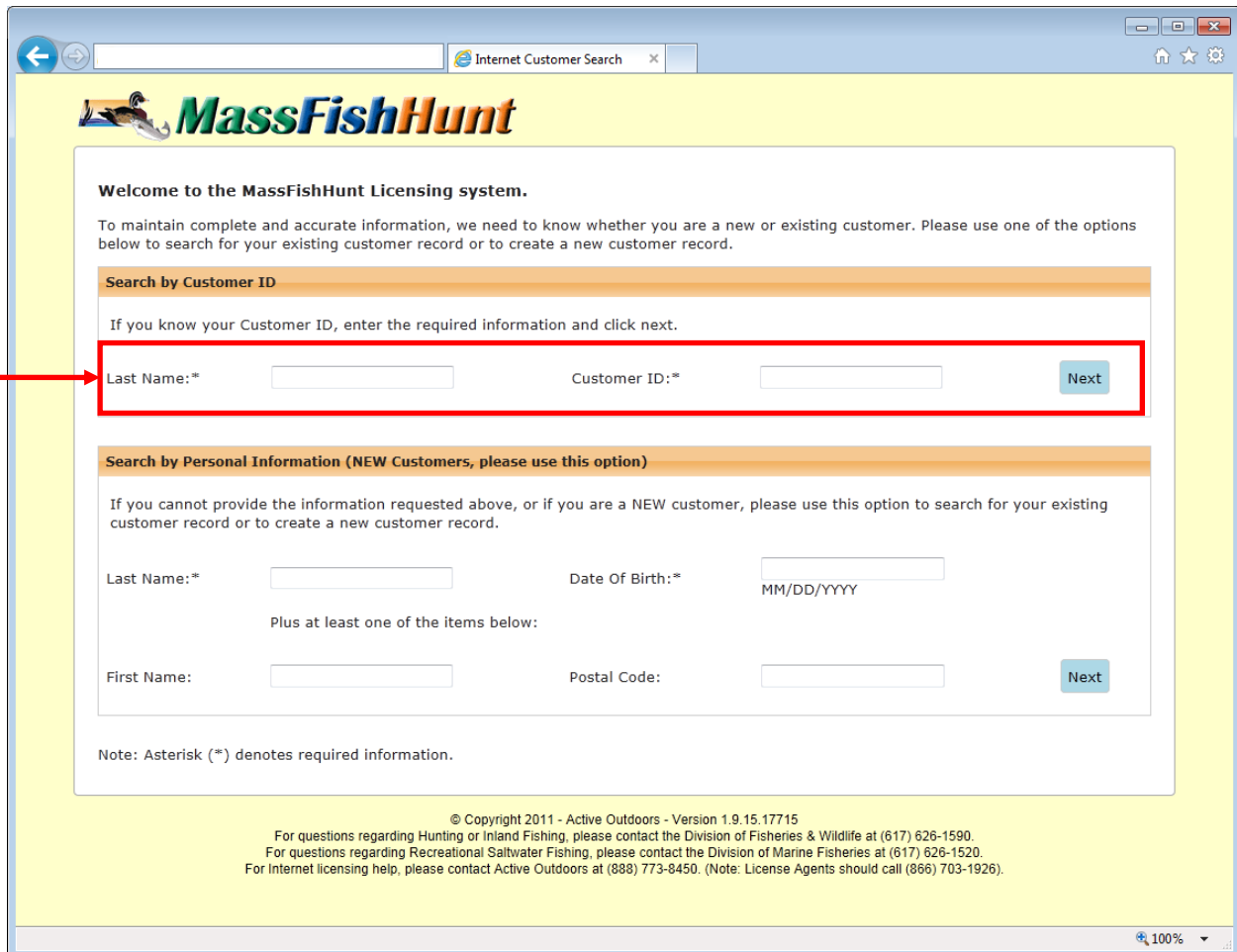


The screenshot shows the Mass.gov website with the following elements:

- Header:** Mass.gov logo, navigation links (State Offices & Courts, State A-Z Topics, State Forms), and a "No Active Alerts" notification.
- Section Header:** "Energy and Environmental Affairs" with a search bar.
- Navigation Menu:** Agriculture, Energy & Utilities, Environmental Protection, Fisheries, Wildlife & Habitats, Water & Climate Change, Recreation & Conservation, Services & Assistance.
- Breadcrumbs:** Home > Department of Fish & Game > Licensing Information
- Main Content:**
 - MassFishHunt Licensing Information**
 - Find information about saltwater and freshwater fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses, permits, and stamps. Also, information on the new online licensing system - [MassFishHunt](#) - and how and where to buy a license.
 - Enter MassFishHunt** button (highlighted with a red box and a red arrow pointing to the instruction below).
 - Licensing Info** sidebar with links: Licensing Information, Who Needs a License?, License Types and Fees, Where to Buy a License, Licensing Help, Licensing FAQs.
 - Freshwater Fishing** featured image of a couple fishing from a canoe, with a "Learn More" link.
 - Online Purchase Requirements** section with text: "Purchase a Massachusetts Freshwater Fishing, Hunting or Sporting License, Saltwater Fishing Permit, Recreational Lobster Permit, or Check your Harvested Game online."
- Related Topics** sidebar with links: Game Check Information, Antlerless Deer Permit Update, Laws & Regulations, Publications.
- Department of Fish and Game** sidebar with links: Department Home, Division of Fisheries & Wildlife, Division of Marine Fisheries, Division of Ecological Restoration, Office of Fishing & Boating Access.

Click the **[Enter MassFishHunt]** button shown above.

2) To enter the **MassFishHunt** system, enter your **Last Name** and **Customer ID** number from your hunting/sporting license in the appropriate field and click **NEXT**. Your Customer ID number can be found in the top left corner of your hunting/sporting license.



MassFishHunt

Welcome to the MassFishHunt Licensing system.

To maintain complete and accurate information, we need to know whether you are a new or existing customer. Please use one of the options below to search for your existing customer record or to create a new customer record.

Search by Customer ID

If you know your Customer ID, enter the required information and click next.

Last Name:* Customer ID:* **Next**

Search by Personal Information (NEW Customers, please use this option)

If you cannot provide the information requested above, or if you are a NEW customer, please use this option to search for your existing customer record or to create a new customer record.

Last Name:* Date Of Birth:*
MM/DD/YYYY

Plus at least one of the items below:

First Name: Postal Code: **Next**

Note: Asterisk (*) denotes required information.

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3) Once logged into the **MassFishHunt** system you can begin your online furbearer check; click on the **REPORT A HARVEST** button.

The screenshot shows the MassFishHunt web application interface. The browser window title is "Customer Main". The page features the MassFishHunt logo at the top. Below the logo, there are two main sections: "Customer Profile Summary" and "Customer Menu".

Customer Profile Summary

Customer ID:	1384746		
Last Name:	Trapper	First Name:	Joe
Middle Initial:		Suffix:	
Date of Birth:	9/12/1974	Citizenship:	US Citizen
Residency:	Resident	Residency Date:	

Residence Address

100 Test Way
WEST BOYLSTON, MA 01583

Mailing Address

100 Test Way
WEST BOYLSTON, MA 01583

Hunter Education Records

Hunter Ed Affidavit (POS)

Optional Information

Gender:	Male	Hair:	Brown	Eyes:	Blue
Height:	6' 0"	Weight:	190		
Email:					

Customer Menu

- Edit Customer Information
- License Inventory / Reprint
- Privacy Policy
- Exit

The customer swears under the pains and penalties of perjury that the personal information provided is accurate. The customer also understands that including false information in this application is against the law. Click the 'Enter Sales' button to acknowledge the customer's affirmation regarding the above statements and to make a purchase

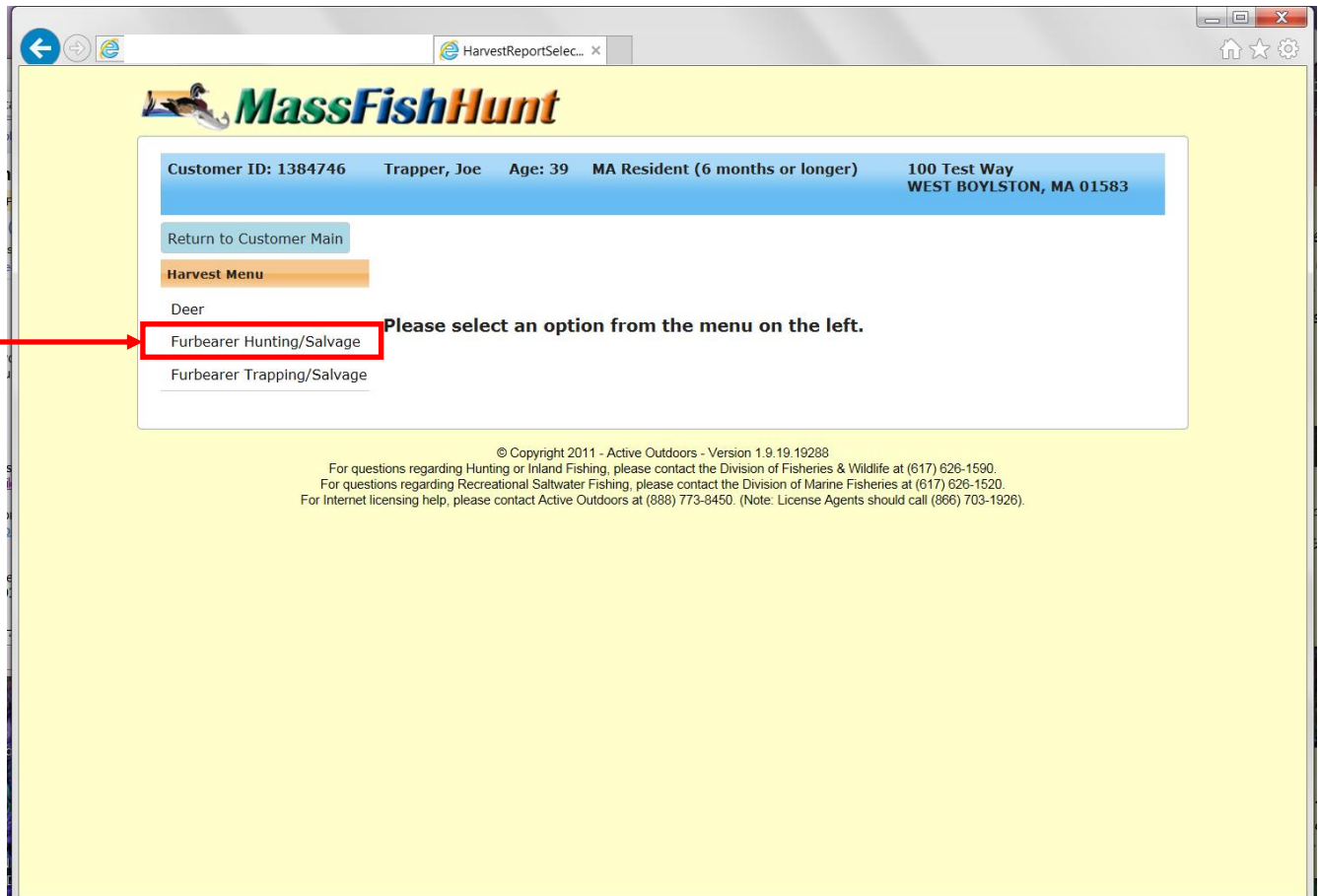
Enter Sales

Report a Harvest

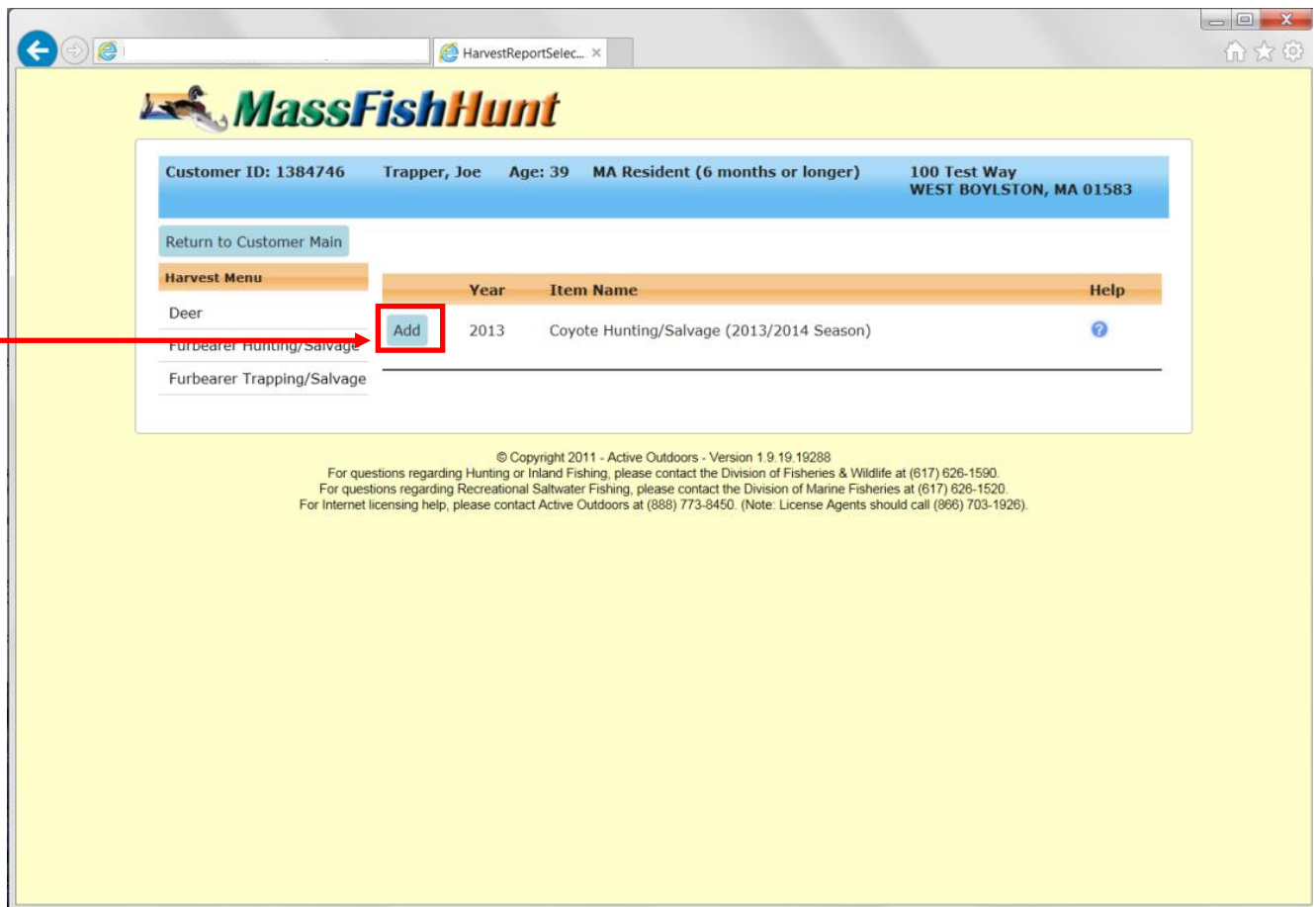
A red arrow points from the "Report a Harvest" button to the "Report a Harvest" button.

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4) Click the **FURBEARER HUNTING/SALVAGE** option on the left side under **HARVEST MENU**. On this page, you may also see options to check your harvested deer, or other furbearers during their respective seasons if you have the appropriate licenses or permits.



5) You are now ready to begin your online game check. Click the **ADD** button for the species you wish to check.



The screenshot shows the MassFishHunt web application interface. At the top, the user's profile information is displayed: Customer ID: 1384746, Trapper, Joe, Age: 39, MA Resident (6 months or longer), and 100 Test Way, WEST BOYLSTON, MA 01583. Below this is a "Return to Customer Main" button. The "Harvest Menu" section includes links for "Deer", "Furbearer Hunting/Salvage", and "Furbearer Trapping/Salvage". A table with columns "Year", "Item Name", and "Help" is shown. The first row of the table has the year "2013" and the item name "Coyote Hunting/Salvage (2013/2014 Season)". A red box highlights the "Add" button next to the year "2013". A red arrow points from the text in the previous block to this "Add" button. At the bottom of the page, there is a copyright notice and contact information for the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife and the Division of Marine Fisheries.

Year	Item Name	Help
2013	Coyote Hunting/Salvage (2013/2014 Season)	?

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6) We will use the coyote harvest report as an example, but the fox report will look similar. The **Coyote Harvest Report** consists of a series of questions, many of which are multiple-choice. Your responses to these questions provide DFW biologists important information used to evaluate and manage the statewide coyote population. Please take a few minutes to answer each question accurately. Simply click in the box to the right of each question and enter or click on the appropriate response.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL "Customer Harvest R..." and the "MassFishHunt" logo. The user's profile information is displayed at the top: Customer ID: 1384746, Trapper, Joe, Age: 39, MA Resident (6 months or longer), and address: 100 Test Way, WEST BOYLSTON, MA 01583. The form is titled "2013 - Coyote Hunting/Salvage (2013/2014 Season)". It contains eight questions with corresponding input fields or dropdown menus. A red arrow points to the "Rifle" option in the dropdown menu for question 4. The form also includes "Cancel" and "Submit" buttons at the bottom right.

Customer ID: 1384746 Trapper, Joe Age: 39 MA Resident (6 months or longer) 100 Test Way
WEST BOYLSTON, MA 01583

2013 - Coyote Hunting/Salvage (2013/2014 Season)

1 . In which town did you harvest the coyote? WESTBOROUGH ?

2 . What was the date of harvest/salvage? 10/26/2013 ?

3 . Did you hunt or salvage this coyote? Hunt ?

4 . What hunting equipment did you use to harvest the coyote? If salvaged, select salvaged option. [Select One]
Shotgun ?
Rifle ←
Handgun ?
Muzzleloader ?
Bow and arrow ?
Crossbow (with permit) ?
Salvaged animal ?

5 . What is the sex of the coyote? ?

6 . What was the primary hunting method that you used to harvest the coyote? If salvaged, select salvaged option. ?

7 . What time of day did you harvest the coyote? If salvaged, select salvaged option. ?

8 . *OPTIONAL* Please list any additional comments: ?

Cancel Submit

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6) You can click on the blue question marks to the right of each question for additional information to help answer each question.

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The main section is titled "2013 - Coyote Hunting/Salvage (2013/2014 Season)". It contains a list of eight questions on the left and corresponding input fields on the right. Each input field has a blue question mark icon to its right. A red arrow points to the first question mark.

A "Help" popup window is open in the center, displaying the text: "Fill in the town in which you harvested the coyote." and a "Close" button.

At the bottom of the form, there are "Cancel" and "Submit" buttons. Below the form, a copyright notice reads: "© Copyright 2011 - Active Outdoors - Version 1.9.19.19288". Below this, contact information is provided: "For questions regarding Hunting or Inland Fishing, please contact the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife at (617) 626-1590. For questions regarding Recreational Saltwater Fishing, please contact the Division of Marine Fisheries at (617) 626-1520. For Internet licensing help, please contact Active Outdoors at (888) 773-8450. (Note: License Agents should call (866) 703-1926)."

Question	Input Field	Question Mark
1. In which town did you harvest the coyote?	WESTBOROUGH	?
2. What was the date of harvest/salvage?	10/26/2013	?
3. Did you hunt or salvage this coyote?	Hunt	?
4. What hunting equipment did you use to harvest the coyote?	Rifle	?
5. What is the sex of the coyote?	[Select One]	?
6. What was the primary hunting method that you used?	[Select One]	?
7. What time of day did you harvest the coyote?	[Select One]	?
8. *OPTIONAL* Please list any additional comments.		?

7) Once you have completed answering all questions, click the **SUBMIT** button. You will have a chance to edit your responses before they are finalized, but please double-check to ensure that all required fields are accurately entered.

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- 1. In which town did you harvest the coyote? (Text field: WESTBOROUGH)
- 2. What was the date of harvest/salvage? (Text field: 10/26/2013)
- 3. Did you hunt or salvage this coyote? (Dropdown menu: Hunt)
- 4. What hunting equipment did you use to harvest the coyote? If salvaged, select salvaged option. (Dropdown menu: Rifle)
- 5. What is the sex of the coyote? (Dropdown menu: Male)
- 6. What was the primary hunting method that you used to harvest the coyote? If salvaged, select salvaged option. (Dropdown menu: Calling)
- 7. What time of day did you harvest the coyote? If salvaged, select salvaged option. (Dropdown menu: Sunset)
- 8. *OPTIONAL* Please list any additional comments: (Text field)

At the bottom right of the form, there are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Submit". The "Submit" button is highlighted with a red box, and a red arrow points to it from the instruction text above the form.

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Please ensure that the date of harvest and all other fields are entered accurately.

8) You will need to confirm the submission by clicking **YES** on the pop-up. Before doing so, **make sure all the information provided is accurate** as you will not be able to edit any information after clicking YES. If you need to edit any information, click **NO** and then change your entries. When finished proceed from step 7.

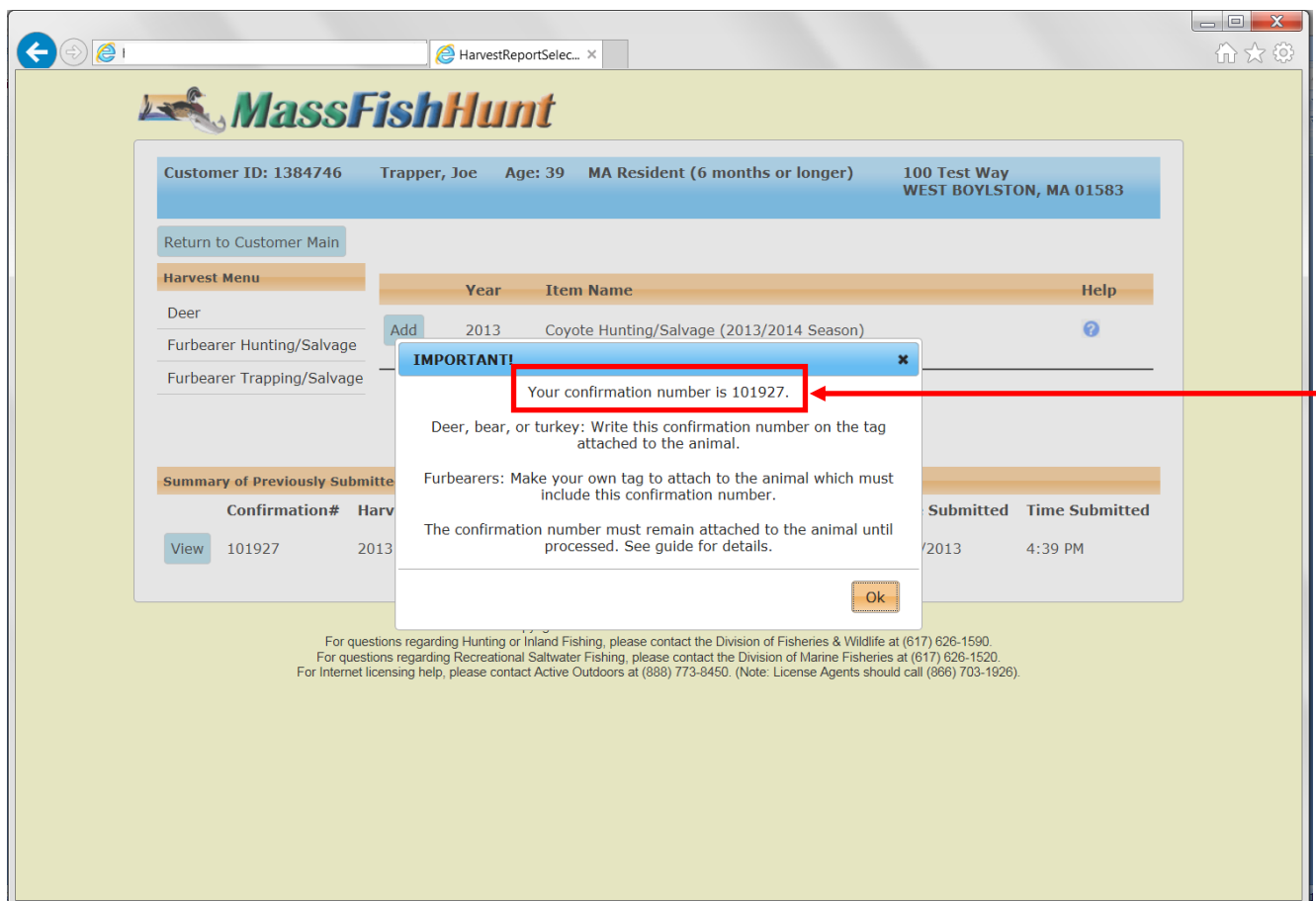
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1. In which town did you harvest the coyote? (Answer: WESTBOROUGH)
2. What was the date of harvest/salvage? (Answer: 10/26/2013)
3. Did you hunt or salvage this coyote? (Answer: Hunt)
4. What hunting equipment did you use to harvest the coyote? (Answer: Rifle)
5. What is the sex of the coyote? (Answer: Male)
6. What was the primary hunting method that you used? (Answer: Calling)
7. What time of day did you harvest the coyote? (Answer: Sunset)
8. *OPTIONAL* Please list any additional comments.

A confirmation pop-up window is displayed over the form. The pop-up has a blue header with the text "Confirmation" and a close button (X). The body of the pop-up contains the text: "Once reports are submitted, no changes may be made. Are you sure you want to submit?". At the bottom of the pop-up are two buttons: "No" and "Yes". A red arrow points to the "Yes" button. The "Submit" button on the form is also visible.

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9) After completing your online game check, a unique **CONFIRMATION NUMBER** will be generated. The confirmation number is the official seal issued by MassWildlife. It should be written on a tag of your own making and attached to the animal and/or its pelt. Confirmation numbers must remain affixed to all pelts/carcasses, with the specific confirmation number issued for each particular pelt or carcass, until the carcass is prepared for mounting by a taxidermist, or the pelt is sold or tanned. Confirmation numbers are non-transferable to other animals. Taxidermists or furbuyers should not accept coyote or fox without a confirmation number (or plastic seal from some physical check stations) attached to the pelt or carcass.



Click on the **OK** button after you have recorded the confirmation number.

10) If you have other furbearers to check click the appropriate menu and add button and repeat steps 5 - 9. If you made an error on your harvest report, you can no longer edit it and must contact MassWildlife.

MassFishHunt

Customer ID: 1384746 Trapper, Joe Age: 39 MA Resident (6 months or longer) 100 Test Way
WEST BOYLSTON, MA 01583

[Return to Customer Main](#)

Harvest Menu

	Year	Item Name	Help
Deer			
Furbearer Hunting/Salvage	Add	2013 Coyote Hunting/Salvage (2013/2014 Season)	?
Furbearer Trapping/Salvage			

[Print Submitted Harvest Report Summary](#)

Summary of Previously Submitted Harvest Reports

	Confirmation#	Harvest Report Name	Town of Harvest	Date Submitted	Time Submitted
View	101927	2013 Coyote Hunting/Salvage (2013/2014 Season)	WESTBOROUGH	10/26/2013	4:39 PM

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The **MassFishHunt** system will store the game you have checked online. To view the specific details of any one online harvest report, click the **VIEW** button.

11) After clicking **VIEW**, this is what your harvest report looks like. The **MassFishHunt** system will store the submitted game checks, you may print a copy of these submitted harvest reports at any time.

MassFishHunt

2013 Coyote Hunting/Salvage (2013/2014 Season)

You may print this page for your records by clicking the **Print this Page** button. [Print this Page](#)

1. In which town did you harvest the coyote?:	WESTBOROUGH
2. What was the date of harvest/salvage?:	10/26/2013
3. Did you hunt or salvage this coyote?:	Hunt
4. What hunting equipment did you use to harvest the coyote? If salvaged, select salvaged option.:	Rifle
5. What is the sex of the coyote?:	Male
6. What was the primary hunting method that you used to harvest the coyote? If salvaged, select salvaged option.:	Calling
7. What time of day did you harvest the coyote? If salvaged, select salvaged option.:	Sunset
8. *OPTIONAL* Please list any additional comments::	
Confirmation Number	101927

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